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LETTER DATED 28 JULY 1997 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit copies of two notes verbales with attachments, dated 3 July 1997, from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., to the Embassy of Pakistan to be forwarded to the United States Department of State, on the violation of the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by the forces of the United States in the Persian Gulf region.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Majid TAKHT-RAVANCHI
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Annex I

Note verbale dated 3 July 1997 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

The Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., presents its compliments to the Embassy of Pakistan and has the honour to quote the attached message in two copies, the original text and an unofficial translation, received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran. It is respectfully requested that the original text be transmitted to the United States Department of State and our office be informed of their response.

Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 17 April 1997 at 0830 hours a United States warship routing 180 degrees of real north and in the vicinity of Soroush oil platform fired shots from a four-mile distance towards two Iranian motor boats whose positions were N2907 and E4936, routing 250 degrees of real north towards the said platform. The warship fired a total of eight rounds of semi-heavy shot (three of which were aerial and five surface) towards the boats. The Iranian boats changed their course towards Khark Island in order to prevent any probable accident.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests these illegal measures by the United States warship, especially in the continental shelf of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and insistently calls for an end to these unjustifiable actions.

Annex II

Note verbale dated 3 July 1997 from the Interests Section of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Washington, D.C., addressed to the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington, D.C.

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Enclosure

According to information received from officials of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 26 February 1997 at 0500 hours a United States warship warned an Iranian boat which was moving at the distance of 18 miles from Bandar-e-Gonaveh and 80 miles from Bahregan. From the said warship, a United States helicopter flew over the boat and caused it to fill with water. In order to prevent sinking the boat changed its course towards the coast. In this condition the United States helicopter followed the boat to a distance of 16 miles from shore.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran strongly protests these measures by the United States warship and helicopter and insistently calls for an end to these unjustifiable actions.